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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 8-10

Part B for June 1924

SUBJECT

Decentralisation of powers in the Mines dept
Formation of a committee to consider—

Govt no 1872-21/Mines 332-22-10 dt 14.6.24 directing the formation of a Committee for the consideration of certain matters regarding the decentralisation of powers in the Mines dept & calling for a report within 3 months &c. within the 15th Sept. 24.

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Decentralisation of Powers in the Mugpai Dept.

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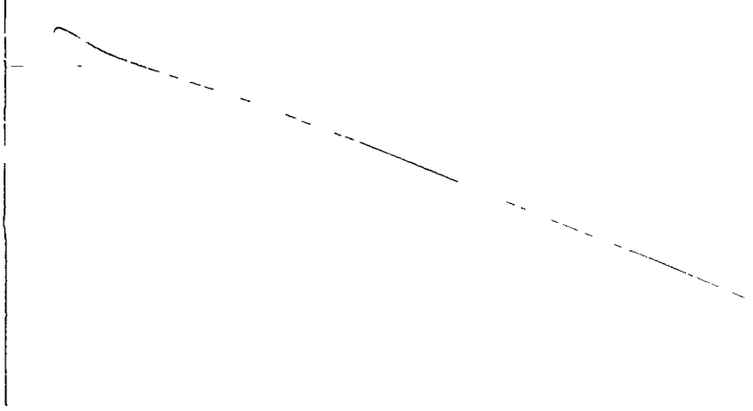

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General and Revenue Secretariat

File No. 192 . Dis /139.

Date of submission	Date of Return	Date of issue of orders in the Secretariat	Remarks
	8-3-1924.		

The institution of a Department for the proper administration of Muzrai institutions and other religious and charitable endowments in the year 1891 by the late Sir K. Seshadri Iyer was the outcome of the peculiar position which a Native State occupies in relating to ecclesiastical matters by virtue of which the State has, from time immemorial, exercised the right of beneficial interference in the management of funds and properties held in trust by these institutions both from the Government and private people. The law relating to this subject was placed on a statutory basis in the year 1913 defining, among other matters, the powers of Government for making rules for the proper management of religious and charitable institutions and their properties by prescribing accounts, etc., by the appointment of Dharmadarsis for individual institutions and of Committees with powers of management in regard to one or more institutions regarding the investment of funds, the extent of interference by the State in the affairs of Mutts and Matadipatis, the appointment of Poojaries and other hereditary temple servants, etc. For the efficient management of these institutions, the Department has been administered from 1891 as follows:--

1891--1901: by a wholetime Muzrai Superintendent who was also Secretary to Government in the Muzrai Department;

1901-04 : by a Deputy Secretary to Government in the General and Revenue Departments, but with no executive functions;

1904--1908: by an independent wholetime Secretary to Government in the Muzrai Department with no executive functions excepting inspections of major Muzrai institutions.

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1908-1917: by a Muzrai Superintendent with executive powers co-extensive with those possessed by the Deputy Commissioners so far as the State institutions are concerned but with full authority over those outside the State. The Superintendent was also an ex-officio Secretary to Government in Muzrai matters.

1917--1922: The status of the Under-Secretary, Muzrai Department was raised to that of a Joint Secretary and an Assistant was given to him for facilitating his inspections. This arrangement was further modified by the appointment of the Revenue Commissioner as Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore in July 1922 and the distribution of powers between the Government, the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner respectively was defined in the order of September 1922.

The policy in regard to Muzrai matters which Government have had in view all through these changes was the strengthening of the power of the District Officer known as the Muzrai officer in the regulation so as to enable him to dispose of the majority of questions, arising in this connection, on the spot while a general inspecting officer for the State was also found necessary for the management of institutions outside the State and for securing uniformity in administration and practice. Certain powers may be delegated to the District Officer so as to reduce correspondence. The Revenue Commissioner should be asked to send up a list for consideration of Government.

In July 1922, Government have ordered that action should be taken in the Legislative Department to amend section XXI of the Muzrai Regulation so as to enable the Muzrai Commissioner to hear appeals against the orders of the Deputy Commissioners in respect of Muzrai matters coming within the purview of the Regulation.

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No action seems to have been taken about this matter.

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4 In regard to the administration of higher powers by the Deputy Commissioners, it is a question for consideration as to whether suitable District Committees nominated from among the leaders of the principal communities should be formed for assisting the Deputy Commissioner in a purely advisory capacity. The proposal seems attractive in view of the facilities afforded to leaders of these different communities for considering questions relating to the Muzrai institutions belonging to different sects in a spirit of sympathy and co-operation. It was definitely mooted in the Representative Assembly in the year 1908 when Government replied as follows:--

"With the rendition, the non-interference policy of the days of the British Commission has ceased. Government have organized a separate Muzrai Department and have been paying attention to Muzrai matters..... The appointment of a Commission or District Committees is neither necessary nor advisable."

And in a Government Order ~~xxxx~~ this view was modified as follows:-

> "With a view, however, to provide for any contingency making such an appointment necessary, power has been taken in the Muzrai regulation to appoint a Committee of persons chosen by election or otherwise with such powers of management and supervision as may be prescribed by rules over one or more religious charitable institutions."

5 The ~~xxxx~~ reference relates to section 17 of the Regulation. It may be noted that this Committee may consist either of persons elected or nominated. No rules have been made in this behalf regulating the composition of the Committee as no Committees have hitherto been appointed. Under section XV of the same regulation,

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Government are appointing Dharmadarsis to manage the affairs of each individual institution and these bodies are being consulted by the Deputy Commissioner on questions relating to the management of individual institutions. It is a point for consideration as to what should be the functions of the Committee contemplated in section XVII which are not at present being exercised by the Dharmadarsis. There are, probably, many difficulties in the way of the smooth working of these Committees whose members may possibly be drawn from different communities. The question, however, requires thorough examination.

6 The following questions may be worked up under the orders of the Second Member of Council and brought up early for consideration:-

(1) Suitable amendments of the Regulation in keeping with the abolition of a Muzrai Superintendent and investing the Revenue Commissioner with the duties of a Muzrai Commissioner;

(2) Improvement in the administration of general Muzrai Fund;

&

(3) appointment of District Muzrai Committees and specifying their functions.

Dated Bangalore,
8th March 1924.

To

The Revenue Secretary to Government
with compliments.

DKR.

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7. In paragraph 6 above, the Devasthanam Board has been pleased to indicate the general points to be worked up under the orders of the Second Member.

As regards point No. 1 viz. suitable amendments of the Mzg Regns, it is submitted that the question of amendment is pending in the Legislative Branch and the file connected therewith has been recd. by the first member & the Second Member for favour of remarks. A copy of the Murrai Regulation VI of 13 together a copy of rules framed thereunder is sub. for perusal.

As regards Point No. 2 viz Improvement in the Admn. of the Gen. Murrai Fund, Muz file No. 146-23 in which G.O. No. 677-8/Muz 146-23-2 & 3.1.24 has been recently issued is sub. for kind perusal. This order prescribes the

(A) Legis 38-11 dealing with the framing of the Muzrai Regns VI of 13 is also sub. for perusal.

V.

A set of reorganisation orders relating to the Muzdept is sub. Nos X & Y are papers re recent reorganisation of 1922 & the allocation of powers among the D.C.s, viz: Cuddapah and the Govt.

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purposes for which the interest earnings of Rs 21000 roda Shd be utilised and the ~~proposed~~ submission of a triennial programme of works which Shd receive aid from this Govt & the drawing up of a budget showing the income & exp from this fd.

10. The appt of Dt Committees and specifying their duties which is the third & the last point referred to in the Devan Saheb's note, is for consideration & orders. File No 332 of 22 dealing with higher powers to Dharmadarsis recorded in the Representative Assembly is linked with this and ~~put up~~ for orders, with a consolidated statement showing the opinions of the several Dy Comrs and the Muzrai Comr.

12 Orders are solicited as to whether a copy of this note may be forwarded to the

1) There is another point raised by the Devan viz delegation of powers to Dy Comrs. The Govt should be asked to send up a list of such powers that can be delegated

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Murrai Cmr. with a request that proposals in all these files may be subd & forwd by the end of April 1924.

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13 which ought to be answered from time to time. Please put up to me together with a copy of D-1-24 recently issued on the subject

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15. [illegible] the Hindu questions' amendment in the concluding portion of the Dewan's Resume of 8th March, the amendment of the Muz Regulation has already been taken up. A draft bill has been prepared in the Legislative Branch, and the file contains the whole subject matter of suggestions which has been recently sent from the Legislative Branch for being placed before the Legislative Assembly at the next session.

16. The question of improvements of the Fort Muz Trust has also been already considered & an order issued about it in 1st Jan last. I do not think there any further action is now required about this Trust. The question of the Muz Endowments Trust remains however, undecided pending the receipt of the Trust report & the Trustees for about the balance, as to the order of Service withdrawn

17. As regards the formation of Muz Nuzrai Committees, it is a very important matter and before formulating any new proposals about it, I should like to obtain the opinion of some leading non-official gentlemen experienced in these matters & also

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4. Draft D.O. to Muz: Comr., Subdr., as per orders.

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8	To the Muz. Commr. Do. No. 1634 dt. 8.5.24. Requests him to furnish his views in the matter of appointing a Committee with the Muzrai Commr as Presidt to go into the question of further decentralization of powers & to suggest names of a dozen non-official gentlemen & 3 or 4 officers for appt as members of the Committee.
9	From the Muz: Comr, Do. letter no. C. 1211 of 13.5.24 States that ~~he is~~ he is in favour of the proposals and forwards a list of persons who may be appointed to the Committee - 26. In the D.O. sent to the M. Comr, he was requested to suggest the names of about a dozen non-offl gentlemen and of 3 or 4 officers, two of them being experienced Dy : Comrs - 27. As regards non-officials, the names of a dozen gentlemen selected by him have been given ~~and also~~ with a supplemental list of 16 persons for selection or substitution

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Among deputy Comrs, the name of Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya, who has had vast experience of Revn Muzrai work both in the Districts & the Secretariat has been omitted. He may perhaps be included.

Among non-officials mentd by the Govt Commr, Messrs K.P. Puttanna Chetty, M. Shamadas, C. Srikan. Sastriar Garu, T.S. Jagasana Garu have worked eminently in the Muzrai Dept.

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1). Mr. B. Ramaswamiah may be appointed one of the members. The Rev Fr Gnanaprakasam may also be in the Committee with advantage. Nos 2 & 4 proposed may perhaps be omitted.

2). Amongst non-officials proposed nos 5 & 166 in list B. and No 5 in list C seem the suitable gentlemen to serve on the Muzrai Committee

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Final Note by the Second Member of Council

Subject:—

Decentralization of powers in the Muzrai Department.

In his note of 8th March 1924, the Dewan reviewed the history of the Muzrai Department from its inception, and observed that the following questions required consideration:-

(i) Amendment of the Muzrai Regulation.

(ii) Improvement in the Administration of the General Muzrai Fund.

(iii) Appointment of District Muzrai Committees with specific powers under Section 17 of the - Muzrai Regulation.

2. Orders have already been passed in G.O. No.877-8/Muz. 1/6-23-2 dated 3rd January 1924, regulating the use of the General Muzrai Fund, and the question of the amendment of the Muzrai - Regulation is ~~under consideration~~ being dealt with separately.

3. As regards the appointment of District and Taluk Muzrai Committees, I considered that, before formulating any proposals about it, it was desirable to obtain the opinion of some leading non-official gentlemen and experienced officers in the matter, and accordingly suggested that a committee of about 7 or 8 persons (two officials and six non-officials) with the Muzrai Commissioner as ~~the~~ President might be formed to go into the question and submit their proposals within 2 months for the consideration and orders of Government and that the question of further decentralisation of powers to the Deputy Commissioners and other subordinate officers as also that of revising the rules about the duties and powers of Dharmadarsis might be referred to the committee.

4. The Dewan has approved of the suggestion and the Muzrai Commissioner who was consulted has also agreed to ! The

The under-mentioned gentlemen are proposed to be appointed as members of the committee, with the Muzrai Commissioner as Chairman:

1. Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya,	Deputy Commissioner.	
2. Mr. A.K. Syed Tai Peeran,	do	
3. Rao Bahadur Mr. M. Shama Rao,	0	Members of the Legislative Council.
4. Rao Saheb Mr. Chenniah,	0	
5. Mr. N.S. Nanjundiah	0	
6. Mr. B.K. Gamdachar,	0	
7. Mr. G. Paramasiviah,	0	
8. Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao	0	Members of the Representative Assembly.
9. Lokahitaishi Mr. H. Nanjundarai Urs.	0	

5. The gracious approval of His Highness is solicited to the formation of the committee as proposed and to the matters mentioned in para 3 supra being referred to the committee for consideration and report.

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

3-6-24.

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the Second *Member of Council on the subject of* decentralization of powers in the Muzrai Department

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for His Highness' gracious approval.

Dewan.

5 JUN 1924

Recor Cases submitted for the Orders
o His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Decentralization of powers in the Muzrai Department.

Order.

~~KRW~~

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Revised

Issue of necessary
Perusal & signature
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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Mwz. File No. 332 of 1922.

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10	To the Mwz. Govt of India & other members. No. 1812-21 d. 14.6.24. directs the appt of of the certain gentlemen as members of the above Committee and requests them to consider the questions involved & submit a report thereon within 3 months with their recommendations in the matter.

Order issued Submitted for the perusal of the Second Member.

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Mucg. 332-22-8

dy 8.5.24

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to Section 17 of the Muzrai Regulation which authorizes Government to appoint a Committee of persons, chosen by election or otherwise, with such powers of management and supervision as may be prescribed by rules, over one or more religious institutions. Government ~~consider~~ are of opinion that it may be of advantage if District and Taluk Muzrai Committees are formed to help the local Muzrai Officers in the administration of the Muzrai Institutions in their charge. Government would like ~~also~~ in this connection to have the question of further decentralisation of powers to the Deputy and Muzrai Commissioners and that of the powers and duties of the Dharmadarsis ~~to be~~ are fully gone into and considered. ——————

2. It is proposed to appoint a Committee consisting of one or two Deputy Commissioners and some leading non-official gentlemen with yourself as President to go fully into the above questions and submit their definite recommendations for the orders of Government.

3. I am to request ~~that~~ you to be so good as to favour Government with your opinion about the proposal and if you are agreeable to this, to suggest the names of about a dozen non-official gentlemen and 3 or 4 officers (of whom two may be Deputy Commissioners) whom

you would suggest for appointment as members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Fair draft) 5.5.24.

To

K. Chandy, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

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C 12117/23-4

Bangalore 13th May 1924

Dear Sir,

In reply to your D.O. letter No.1634/Muz.332-22-8 dated 8th instant in the matter of appointing a committee to frame rules under Section 17 of the Muzrai Regulation and to consider the questions of the formation of District and Taluk Muzrai Committees for helping local officers in Muzrai administration and of further decentralisation of powers in Muzrai matters, I write to state that I am in favour of the proposal made therein. I append hereto a list of 16 suitable names, and also a supplementary list from which names may, if Government wish, be selected in addition to the above or in lieu of some of them.

Yours sincerely,

K Anandy

To

K.V. Anantaraman, Esquire., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department.

1. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire., B.A.,
2. A. Subrahmanya Iyer, Esquire., B.A.,
3. M. Zahiruddin Mecci, Esquire., B.A.,
4. M.G. Krishnaswami Rao, Esquire., B.A.,
5. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Shrinivasrav, Esq., B.SC., L.C.E.,
6. B. K. Garudachar, Esquire.,
7. N.S.Nanjundiah, Esq., B.A.S.,
8. C. Srinivasa Rao, Esquire.,
9. G. Paramasivaiya, Esquire.,
10. K. H. Ramaiya, Esq., B.A., Bar-at-Law.

P.T.O.

11. Ananthia Setty, Esquire., Merchant, Chikballapur

12. K. Subbaraya Setty, Esquire., B.A., L.B., Advocate, Bangalore

13. G. Srinivasa Iyer, Esquire., B.A., M.L.,

14. Maha Mahopadhyaya
S. Sivasankara Sastriar, Avl., Bangalore

15. Mahavidwan Vidyanidhi Maha Mahopadhyaya,
Virupaksha Sastrigalu, Bangalore.

16. B. Venkoba Rao Esq Dy Comm

K. Chandy

Muzrai Commissioner.

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Proceedings of the Government of

H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore.

Order No. 1812-21/Muz 332-22-10

Dated 14.6.24

Section 17 of the Muzrai Regulation authorizes Government to appoint a Committee of persons chosen by election or otherwise in respect of one or more religious institutions, with such powers of management and supervision as may be prescribed by rules. ~~As~~ It has been ~~suggested~~ proposed that District and Taluk Muzrai Committees may be formed under the above-mentioned section to help the local Muzrai officers in the administration of Muzrai institutions in their charge. ~~the~~ Government desire that this proposal as also the question of further decentralisation of powers to the Deputy and Muzrai Commissioners and of revising the previous order of Govt. defining the powers and duties of Dharmadarsies ~~be~~ shall be fully gone into and considered by a mixed committee of officials and non-officials. They are accordingly pleased to appoint the following officers and gentlemen to form the committee:-

1. Mr. K. Chandy, Muz.Comr. (~~President~~ Chairman)
2. Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya, Deputy Comr.
3. Mr. A.K.Syed Taj Peeran, do
4. Mr. N.S. Nanjundiah, Member of the Legislative Council.
5. Mr. B.K. Garudachar
6. Rao Bahadur Mr. M. Shama Rao
7. Mr. G. Paramasiviah
8. Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao
9. Rao Saheb Mr. Chennaiya
10. Lokambatha [illegible]

2. The Committee will consider the following questions and submit a report within 3 months with their recommendations for the orders of Government:-

(i) The appointment of Taluk and District Committees, their constitution and functions.

(ii) ~~How far~~ Revision of the present rules regarding the powers and duties ~~of~~ Dharmadarsis ~~may be enhanced~~.

(iii) How far the powers and duties of the ~~Govt~~. Muz. Commissioner, and the Deputy Commissioner as laid down in the schedule printed as annexure to G.O. No.1332-63/Muz.63-22-9 dated 25th Septr.1922 may be revised with a view to further decentralisation.

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Deptt.

To

The above-mentioned officers and gentlemen.